



Thermals

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President's Message

Summer is here. I hope May finds you enjoying the soaring season. We have had some bad weather during our spring contests, so May brings the promise of more settled conditions for soaring contests. Winches and procedures seem to be humming along and the big F3J contest as well as the International Hand Launch Glider Festival are right around the corner. Interest in RC Soaring is as high as ever.

F3J in the Rockies will be a big event over Memorial Day weekend with lots of pilots competing. We could use any help non-pilots might be willing to contribute with logistics and towing. Please call Mark Howard if you would like to help and learn, but not necessarily fly. We have a little lingering ambiguity with the rules this year, hopefully this will be resolved before the contest so that the contest will simulate the conditions at the US Team Trials as closely as possible. The US Team Trials will be held in Chicago over Labor Day Weekend.

The International Hand Launch Glider Festival is coming up the weekend of June 2nd and 3rd. According to Ron Scharck, contest registrar for TPG, space is still available. At this time, approximately six RMSA pilots will be going to the contest. I will be there and am looking forward to the event. Tip / Discuss launch technique will be very prominent at this contest. It should be an interesting competition.

Meeting quality and attendance has improved drastically. John Kappus will be hosting a demonstration on vacuum bagging at the next meeting on May 1st, Tuesday night. I'm looking forward to it. Hope to see you there. I am hoping to host some F3J practice sessions in May and an "all up last down" electric event or two throughout the summer.

Homes continue to develop adjacent to the field. Everyone please continue to pass on the field rules and avoid off field landings in the subdivision. Have a good summer.

Shannon & Jim

Next Meeting:

Date/Time: May 1, 2001 - 7:00PM

Location: Broomfield Advanced Chiropractic
26 Garden Ctr
Broomfield CO 80020-7012

PROGRAM: John Kappus will be giving a demonstration on vacuum bagging!



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May Thermals – F3J Warm-up May 6, 2001 Lenny Keer - CD

Registration: 8:30-9:00 AM
Pilot's Meeting: 9:00 AM
First Flight: 9:30 AM
Entry Fee: \$5.00 (\$3.00 Juniors)

Current (2001) AMA membership is required.

Please be registered and have planes assembled by Pilot's Meeting

Tasks: F3J type format launching from winches, skegs allowed.

Landing: FAI landing tapes.

Winchmasters: Please be at the field by 8:45AM. If you are unable to attend please contact the CD to arrange to have your winch/retriever available

RMSA HLG Saturday May 12, 2001 Bob Lewan - CD

Registration: 8:30-9:00AM
Pilot's Meeting: 9:00AM
First Round: 9:30PM
Entry Fee: \$5.00 (\$3.00 Jrs)

Current (2000) AMA membership is required and must be shown when registering.

Please be registered and have planes assembled by Pilot's Meeting

Tasks: To be announced at the pilot meeting



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F3J in the Rockies May 25-27, 2001 Mark Howard - CD

The F3B contest in Denver last May was one of the most fantastic events imaginable. 3 days of perfect weather; the Friday clinic with Skip Miller – midday BBQ's and Mexicali/Margarita evenings.

Were doing it again - only this time it's **F3J** !

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2001 - DENVER, COLORADO ---- IS F3J IN THE ROCKIES !!!!

Tune up for the team trials. Attend Skip Miller's renowned soaring clinic. Compete for fantastic prizes!

This event will be a two-day, full-rules F3J competition.

- Friday 5/25 is the clinic
- Sat and Sun 5/26-27 are competition days.

This is a beautiful time of year in the Denver area. Come celebrate springtime in the Rockies.

Put this weekend on your calendar NOW!
Event entry forms will be available soon.

You can e-mail me to reserve your frequency now.

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Thanks,
Mark

RMSA members take note – this is a premier event that provides a lot of great publicity for our club. Come on out and fly – no experience necessary. We could also use some help - specifically we need help in cooking for the BBQ and running the flight line. We have some world class flyers confirmed for attendance – it should be fun.



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Contest Standings – As of April

	Mar	Pl	Apr	Pl	Best 6	Place
Masters						
Miller Skip	1000	1	1000	1	2000	1
Lewan Bob	980	3	993	2	1973	2
Howard Mark	983	2	958	4	1941	3
Gressman Tom	918	11	961	3	1879	4
Padilla John	966	6	906	5	1872	5
Miller Charlie	961	7	876	7	1837	6
Don Ingram	939	10	863	8	1802	7
Bob Moffett	972	5	802	11	1774	8
Monaco Jim	946	9	749	13	1695	9
Blakeslee Byron	949	8	735	14	1684	10
Zika Jack	873	13	696	15	1569	11
Miller Dusty	974	4			974	12
Jeff Burg	898	12			898	13
Keer Lenny			894	6	894	14
Gary Lewan			828	9	828	15
Phil Jones			812	10	812	16
Rice Bob			795	12	795	17
Barr Jim			183	16	183	18
Shannon Bingham						19
Pederson Bob						19

For Sale:

Electra by Carl Goldberg, (Green & Black). With Airtronics Vanguard FM 4/6 Channel. Alan Katchur 303-771-1794.

Missing:

Old Buzzard Soaring Video. I believe I lent my copy of Old Buzzard Goes Soaring video to a club member but cannot remember who. If someone has it, could you please contact me to arrange for return? Thanks - Jim



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April Open Contest Report Jim Barr - CD

APRIL CONTEST REPORT APRIL 8 2001 Sandwiched between snowy week-ends, we had exceptional weather for the April 8th open event! Good participation with 23 fliers ready to go following the 9am pilot's meeting. A fog had developed over the field which delayed the first flight of 5 fliers until 10am. Of note- there were no novice pilots which should be of concern to all! We promised 5 rounds and they were completed. CD's of future events should be aware that our current batteries will not withstand five rounds of open competition with the current 3m moulded ships. We began replacing weak batteries towards the end of the third round! Sportsman class drew only four fliers- Bob Johnson flew well enough to capture the plaque with Dr Dan close behind. Both will soon be setting their sights on some of the master stragglers. Master class had a great showing with 19 participants. The wind stayed constant in direction- but began to increase in late afternoon which played a mean trick on numerous experienced pilots as they totally missed the landing circle! Quite an unusual sight to behold!! Skip flew his usual exemplary contest but what's this ? Check out 2nd place, four rounds of top scores ---but that last one #@&*. Tom Gressman's points are also right there. Guess the club championship will be a hard fought battle for 01! Many thanks to Dr. Bob for his fine help on the flight line and kudos to all the tireless winch bearers who pull in the winches and put them away, usually alone.

April Open Results

Contest Results for:

April Thermals

Class	Name	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	Total	Norm by Class
S	Sportsman							
S	Bob Johnston	870	763	756	805	1000	4193	1000
S	Dr. Dan	501	815	976	656	984	3933	938
S	Joseph Newcomb	658	682	948	536	715	3539	844
S	Ali Ghaffari	640	996	327	486	337	2787	665
M	Masters							
M	Skip Miller	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	5000	1000
M	Bob Lewan	1000	1000	1000	1000	967	4967	993
M	Tom Gressman	1000	918	1000	942	946	4806	961
M	Mark Howard	984	982	826	998	1000	4790	958
M	Jon Padilla	620	1000	968	941	1000	4528	906
M	Lenny Keer	1000	798	676	1000	996	4470	894
M	Larry Laughlin	901	511	1000	1000	978	4391	878
M	Charlie Miller	558	997	991	998	833	4378	876
M	Don Ingram	973	712	641	991	1000	4317	863
M	Gary Lewan	781	1000	698	787	874	4140	828
M	Phil Jones	744	528	1000	1000	789	4061	812
M	Robert Moffett	946	453	976	798	835	4008	802
M	Bob Rice	829	983	610	607	947	3976	795
M	Rich O'Connell	348	920	961	954	695	3878	776
M	Jim Monaco	754	1000	585	407	1000	3746	749
M	Byron Blakeslee	1000	468	414	851	943	3676	735
M	Tony Kay	604	826	576	746	872	3624	725
M	Jack Zika	991	421	629	868	572	3482	696
M	Jim Barr	345	570	0	0	0	915	183



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2001 RMSA Contest/Event Calendar

Date	Event	CD	Notes
Jan. 2	RMSA Meeting		
Feb. 6	RMSA Meeting		
Feb 2-4	<i>Southwest Classic</i>		<i>CASL Southwest Classic - Phoenix AZ</i>
Mar. 6	RMSA Meeting		
Mar. 11	Open*	Shannon Bingham	
Mar. 18	Pro-Am	Jim Monaco	Fourth annual Pro-Am
Mar. 24- Sat	PPSS OPEN	Greg Tarca	March Madness
Apr. 3	RMSA Meeting		
Apr. 8	Open*	Jim Barr	
Apr. 15	HLG**	Shannon Bingham	
Apr. 22	PPSS OPEN	Dave Kurth	Humps & Bumps
May 1	RMSA Meeting		
May 6	Open*	Lenny Keer	
May 12	HLG**	Bob Lewan	Saturday event
May 19 - Sat	PPSS OPEN	Austin Cleis	May Fly
May 26, 27, 28	F3J*	Mark Howard	Special National Event
June 2-3	IHLG		International HL Contest Torrey Pines CA
June 5	RMSA Meeting		
June 10	Open*	Bob Moffett	
June 16	HLG**	Bob Lewan	Saturday event
June 24	PPSS OPEN	Jack Dech	Summer Solstice
July 3	RMSA Meeting		
July 8	Open*	Bob Pederson	
July 14 - Sat	PPSS RE	Barry Welsh	Memorial Fly
July 21 - Sat	PPSS RES	Rich O'Connell	Height of the Season
Aug. 7	RMSA Meeting		
Aug. 12	Open*	Jim Monaco	Kinda-F3J
Aug. 18 - Sat	PPSS OPEN	Frank Deis	Night Fly
Aug 19	HLG**	John Kappus	
Aug. 26	PPSS OPEN	John Read	Dog Daze
Sept. 4	RMSA Meeting		
Sept. 9	Open*	Bob Rice	AKA: Colorado Challenge Cup
Sept. 22- Sat	PPSS OPEN	Bob Avery	Soar Bash
Oct. 2	RMSA Meeting		
Oct 6&7	Visalia		Visalia California
Oct. 6 - Sat	PPSS HLG	Milt Woodham	HandLaunch
Oct. 14	Open*	Jim Monaco	
Oct. 21	PPSS RES	Mike Fritz	Witches Brew
Nov. 6	RMSA Meeting		
Nov. 11	Open*	Shannon Bingham	
Nov. 17 - Sat	PPSS OPEN	Dave Meyers	Turkey Shoot
Dec. 9	Awards Banquet		
Dec. 15	PPSS OPEN	John Read	BAM Fly

*Club Open points contest ** Club HLG points contest

Italics indicates major national level contests available for points and PPSS events



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Directions to Field

Take I-76 to exit 16. Turn left and follow the frontage road through the circle onto 120th eastbound towards the airport. Take 120th East to Tower Rd. Continue straight through traffic light and look for the sod sprinkler on the left. We are on the southwest corner of that part of the sod farm.

Flying for RMSA members and accompanied guests only.



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